





RECEIVING a toast at a banquet given in his honour at Kimberley, on the 4th September, Mr. Rhodes, the Premier of Cape Colony, said that the Government was pursuing the policy of knitting together the South African States. A meeting had been arranged to be held at Bloemfontein in December next, with the object of extending the Railway Scheme to the "Vaal River," with the view of ultimately reaching a connection with the Delagoa Bay Railway. Regarding the Swaziland Convention, Mr. Rhodes said:—"The Government feel that, if fair privileges are granted to every Natal citizen, that State will not be displeased with the terms which Great Britain will exact out of the King of Swaziland." "If we can have a complete Orange Union and a complete connection by railway, we shall be fairly on the way to a union. By a South African Union we mean perfect Free Trade in our own commodities, perfect and complete in the railway system, and complete in the Customs Union, stretching from Delagoa Bay to Walvisch Bay. The question of the Cape may be settled in the future. If not, we may well be satisfied to call the whole mentioned United South Africa." Referring to Northern Extension, he said:—"The Government of Cape Colony will be anxious to see those present Cape Colony boundaries stretched to the Zambesi. There is no objection to the Zambesi, and the Zambesi is the boundary of the Cape Colony." Mr. Rhodes declared that he felt that all kind of collisions with the natives was over, and that the peaceful population of the country generally would be benefited by the proposed extension of the railway to the north of the Zambesi.

Tax consumption of cigarettes can hardly be called smoking, whereas the *N. Y. Journal-Gazette*, the finest paper-faced outlet who puffs his way to the City every morning could not stand the test of a real smoker—a large pipe full of strong cavendish, or a Havana as black as his hat. The habit (or vice) has increased so enormously in the United States that an effort is being made to make it more respectable by having the New York State Legislature prohibit boys under sixteen from smoking in public under pain of a fine of not less than \$2 and not more than \$4; and it came into operation on Monday. The chief consumption of cigarettes is no doubt among school-boys and youths, who do not know what is bad for them; but it is not likely that the law will have much effect.—Not much more promising is a suggestion made by a Woman's Anti-Cigarette League—that at a tax of a dollar should be levied upon every box of cigarettes. These ladies are entirely responsible for the statement that the cigarette would kill the young men and women in America, and that there is a marked increase of female epileptic patients in consequence." With regard to these remarks, "An Indignant Cigaretist" explains the matter as follows:—The complaint in Tuesday's *St. James's Gazette* that he who smokes cigarettes is not a smoker, they suggested that I might like to state first, that the summer of 1877 or 1884, and having continued to smoke steadily from then till now, I fondly thought myself a smoker. My first love was a briar, and I well remember the happy hours spent under a tree with the pipe and Tenneyson's Idylls. They were long ago, my dear Frank, and I am a mere school-boy, I assure you (Oxford), a soft Irish club and Cavendish, the tranquil life was easy. But now I find them vanity and vexation of spirit. The merechant-breaks his hand makes the hand shake, and it is hard to find a sweet tripe. I once liked my cigarettes, but I cannot smoke them any longer. I hold that only in the herb, and to get the full drama of the concoction, it should be smoked in a clay- or in a cigarette.

beings, and was not careful he would probably find himself in gaol on a serious charge. What exactly passed his Worship would have from Mr. Ward's own evidence. They found that Mr Ward afterwards stated before Mr Macdonald that he was not a party to the charge, and that he was in the confidence of rape. They found him, on his own statement, afterwards consulting with Mr Fraser Smith as to whether he should bring this charge or not, and laying the information, whatever it was, before him. They found Mr Smith advising him strong to prosecute and with his own hand writing that Mr Ward was to give notice that he intended to bring this charge and to Minninnett. They found Mr Fraser Smith going to the Registrar General and doing all he would to induce him to take up the case and prosecute it. They found Mr Ward going to Major General Gordon, the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, and bringing the matter before his notice. They found Mr Ward ultimately persuaded and induced by Mr Fraser Smith, going up to the Magistracy and laying an information in which he distinctly and deliberately charged Mr Minninnett with the crime of rape. Mr Minninnett was arrested on that charge and brought before the Police Court on 15th September, and the charge was proved against him, and the charge was dismissed by the Magistrate. It might be a trifling illustration of the feelings with which Mr Ward seemed to have been animated towards Mr Minninnett that when a question arose as to bail at the close of the first day's proceedings before the Magistrate, Mr Ward, although he pretended not to be pro-secutor, but to be a witness, and in his own witness, opposed in the strongest manner the granting of bail, and was guilty of a deliberate falsehood, a false statement, to the effect that Mr Minninnett had threatened "if his clothes and boxes, packed separately, bringing the colony." When he was asked afterwards the source of his information he refused to give it, as he regarded it as confidential, and he was not to be believed on oath. The prosecution proposed to show, in essentially at least if not directly, that the information came from Mr Fraser Smith himself and that it

For the last seven years John Minchinnet, foreman of works in the Surveyor General's Department, had lived with a Chinamoon named Ah Ngen. She had six children by him but had a grown up daughter by a German, named Emily, and three adopted daughters—Chup Dollar (I forget her real name), now aged about 17, another aged 10 and a fourth, Ah Fat, aged 8.

In 1886, sometime they lived at 167 Queen's Road East. He reduced 187

When you handed the matter over to General Gordon your duty had ceased?—  
Yes.  
Will you swear I did not ask you to make an investigation before going on with the matter?—No, I won't swear that you did not.

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has been the vindication of Mr. Ward.  
that he did he had a perfect right,  
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